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## SPORTS

BY V. L. STEVENSON.

### FOOTBALL WILL BE RADICALLY CHANGED

After a series of discussions which lasted from early morning until late at night yesterday more than a hundred professors and general football coaches, representing as many colleges and universities of the country, instructed a committee of the Intercollegiate Athletic Association of the United States to change the football rules so that while the game will be saved, casualties attendant upon it may be reduced to a minimum if not entirely obliterated, says a New York exchange of December 29.

Although five institutions were reported to be in favor of retaining the present rules, there was not a dissenting vote on the proposed changes yesterday at the fourth annual convention of the association, which was held at the Murray Hill Hotel.

Several amendments were proposed, but the most important of them was that which referred to the mass play. After considerable discussion the following resolution, which was adopted by the executive committee, was sent to the rules committee:

Prohibit dragging, pushing and pulling of the player with the ball, have the ball promptly declared dead in accordance with the spirit of the present rules; and attach penalties to both piling up on the player with the ball and any attempt by him to gain ground after his forward progress has been stopped or the ball is dead.

Another important change proposed was that relating to the forward pass. It was the desire of those present to substitute an unrestricted forward pass, to be completed behind the scrimmage, without penalty for its failure, for the one now in use.

It was also proposed to do away with professional coaches after 1910. It was Capt. Nesbitt of West Point who crystallized the sentiments of the orators into something that was tangible and upon which action could be had. He presented a series of resolutions which had previously been sent to the delegates and their constituents. They embodied the suggestions which later were recommended to the rules committee and thus paved the way for something definite.

The delegates came from all parts of the country. North, east, south and west were represented, and every one present laid stress on the fact that he had been commissioned by his institution to urge a radical change of the rules or to vote for the abolition of the sport.

A canvass of the country showed that 57 institutions demanded a modification of the present rules, 26 the abolition of the game, while only 5 were content with existing conditions.

Claiming they voiced the sentiments of the students and general public of their districts, one after the other of the delegates said that the American game must be made safer or abolished entirely.

**All Believe in Changes.**  
Champions of the game were plentiful, but conceded that there were abuses that needed radical treatment. They were not Rugby men, but admitted that to save the game changes must be made that would be effective in every sense of the word. And there were others who cited the casualties of the past season and argued for the "end of a sport which caused the death and injury of so many brave and patriotic American lads," but they were in the minority on votes.

Some representatives said they were in positions to say that bills prohibiting the game would be introduced in some State Legislatures unless the amendments made would do away with possibilities of accident or death such as were disclosed last season.  
Dr. H. L. Williams of the University of Minnesota in his report as chairman of the rules committee of 1909 brought the subject officially to the notice of the delegates, although it was the chief topic of conversation throughout the day.

While he admitted that much of the criticism of the present style of play was justified, he was aggressive in his defense of the game as a whole.  
**Strong Defense of Game.**  
After referring to the good the as-

sociation had done to preserve the sport he said:

"We have again reached a critical situation in football—the style of play and the rules governing the game are in the limelight before the public."

"There have been this year a few sad accidents resulting in the death or serious injury of several players on teams very prominent in the eyes of the public. Following this, many of the newspapers ever ready to pounce on the occasional have greatly dilated and misrepresented the accidents and casualty list, until now again a portion of the general public and many of the college faculties have become agitated over the dangers of the game and are insisting on radical changes in the rules of play."

"But I should not be doing my duty if I failed to include a few statements of facts that bear very vitally on the present situation. During and following the season that is just past, the papers reported thirty-two deaths as a result of injuries in football games. These reports, together with the great prominence that was given to the dangerous element in football, resulting from a fatal accident to one of the West Point cadets in the game with Harvard, and almost coincidentally a serious accident at Annapolis which at first it was thought would prove fatal, most naturally caused widespread anxiety and alarm, and have resulted in the faculty demanding that football must be made safer if it is to survive."

"A very careful analysis of the thirty-two deaths reported shows a gross misrepresentation of facts. Many cases were included which could in no way be honestly charged up to football, while but four men on the reported list would be classed as college players."

"The situation should be honestly and squarely faced and not dodged. But the fact that never in the history of athletics at Yale, Princeton, Harvard, Pennsylvania, Michigan, Minnesota, Chicago or Wisconsin (I mention these institutions—there are dozens of others—because football has been pushed in each of them to a high degree of development for many years) has a single fatal accident in football occurred besides the one that happened this year at West Point should have no small weight with men who give the subject careful and thoughtful consideration."

This report brought forth many heated speeches, with the result that before a vote was taken on any resolution every section of the country had been heard from through its delegates.

President Crawford of the Western Pennsylvania and West Virginia Intercollegiate Athletic Association reported a resolution of that body that football be abandoned for Rugby unless radical changes were made in the rules to avoid danger. He said that they were absolutely determined to cut out the American game unless the dangers were removed. He told of one game in which eight players were seriously injured.

President Edwin A. Adler of the University of Virginia made an impassioned speech in which he deplored the loss of lives and pleaded with the conference to do away with the game.  
L. K. Hall of Dartmouth, after talking at some length on the good points of the game, introduced the following resolution:

"That the football rules committee of this association be instructed to use every possible endeavor to bring about such a modification of the rules as shall in their judgment tend to reduce to a minimum the dangers of physical injuries to the players and at the same time retain, so far as feasible the desirable and wholesome features of the game."

After a debate which lasted nearly an hour it was passed by a vote of 35 to 3. This resolution was quickly followed by another by Mr. Hall directing the rules committee to consider all suggestions and resolutions which had been submitted from all parts of the country. This included the set of changes proposed by Capt. W. F. Nesbitt of West Point and adopted by the executive committee.  
The following committee on football

rules was then elected: Dr. H. L. Williams, University of Minnesota; Dr. J. A. Habbitt, Harvard College; E. K. Hall, Dartmouth College; Lieut. H. B. Hackett, West Point; Prof. C. W. Savage, Oberlin College; Prof. W. L. Dudley, Vanderbilt College; and Dr. W. A. Lambeth, University of Virginia.

**Collegiate Sports.**  
Earlier in the day collegiate sports in general came in for lengthy discussion. It seemed to be the desire of every one to make college sport cleaner and to separate professionalism from amateurism.

Prof. Thomas F. Moran, of Purdue University, speaking of "Courtesy and Sportsmanship in Intercollegiate Athletics," advanced the abolition of the professional coach. He also urged the propagation of the spirit of fair play among the undergraduates and more careful attention on the part of sporting writers in the press to the real facts about football.

"We need to get back to the simple life," he said. "We are too highly developed. If I had my way about it I would have no coaching at all in football except that by the captain of the team and his most experienced men. I would then retrace my steps in the direction of Rugby and would attempt to make football a game instead of a battle."

Dr. J. H. McCurdy, director of the Y. M. C. A.; Dr. D. A. Sargent of Harvard University and several others also advocated the abolition of the professional coaches.

The various committees of the association reported collegiate sport to be in a flourishing condition throughout the country.

A few minutes before adjournment the following officers were elected for the year 1910:

President, Capt. Franklin B. Pierce of the United States Military Academy, West Point; Vice-President, Dr. R. Tait Mckenzie University of Pennsylvania; Secretary and Treasurer, Prof. F. W. Nicholson, Wesleyan College, Middletown, Conn.; Directors, Prof. F. W. Marvel, Brown University; Prof. W. N. Golden, University of Pennsylvania; Prof. E. H. Patterson, University of North Carolina; Prof. C. W. Savage, Oberlin College; Prof. S. W. Beyer, Iowa State College; Prof. C. W. Hetherington, University of Missouri.

The new football rules committee met later to hear suggestions from the delegates in the matter of proposed changes in rules.

**Probable Changes.**  
1. Prohibition against dragging, pushing and pulling the players with the ball; also against piling up on the player, and against any attempt of the player to gain ground after his progress has been stopped or the ball is dead.

2. When a player is in a position to make a fair catch no player opposing shall approach within three yards of the catcher until the latter has been touched by or missed the ball.

3. Requiring on the offense seven men to be on the line of scrimmage. In plays across the line of scrimmage not more than three men shall be allowed to cross together.

4. Elimination of the present forward pass and allowing an unrestricted forward pass to be completed behind the line of scrimmage without penalty for its failure.

5. Making compulsory the removal of any player on request of the trainer, doctor or captain of the team.

### Soccer Game At League Grounds

This afternoon, at the league grounds, the Mallets and Punahous will meet in their soccer game, and much speculation as to the result is being indulged in. The Mallets are determined to win if possible, and as the Puns know that if they win this afternoon they will be the undisputed champions of the series, they will do their best.

Both teams have a fine lineup, and the game this afternoon should be a good one. Should the Mallets win this afternoon, the two teams will be tied for the championship, but should the Puns win or draw with their opponents, they will be champions.

In the event of a tie, another game will have to be played to decide the championship, and from a sporting point of view it is to be hoped that the Mallets do win today, for then we will have some more soccer.

## LOCAL AND COAST AUTO DOINGS

Things are busy at the Schuman Garage, and during the past week there have been many enquiries as to the time that the Studebaker Flanders is to arrive. This car will cause a sensation in this city, for it is a marvel for the money.

There were two machines on the Honolulu for the Schuman people, and they were a Ford Roadster and a Studebaker Electric. The latter car is a beauty, and should find a ready purchaser. It is finished in fine style, and is a very handy machine for running about the city.

Quite a number of cars of all kinds are expected at the garage soon, and among them will be a dozen or so E. M. F. machines.

The Associated Garage received ex-Honolulu two Chalmers-Detroit cars—a "30" and a "40." Both have been sold to prominent Honolulu people, and will be delivered very soon. A "40" went to Henry Beckley, who sold his Touring car to Manuel Richards.

Mr. Odell of the Associated Garage is still away on Kaula, and he is traveling all over the island in his Kissel Kar. He took a Hudson down and delivered it to the purchaser. The Garden Island is well supplied with automobiles now and the cry is "still they come."

The repair shop at the Associated is kept very busy and an extension is planned for the near future.

Manager Dodge of Van Han-Yong Garage reports having received no less than twenty new machines during the past two weeks. Seventeen of these went to fill back orders. One of the remaining three, a Packard, was sold to J. R. Galt of this city. The roof of the garage is being painted with Cold Water paint, and the difference in the lighting of the place is very noticeable. The repair shop is kept going all the time, and the big force of expert mechanics has hard work to keep up with the work.

Maul is keeping up her end as regards automobiles, and there are no less than seventy machines on the Valley Island at present. Many of the plantation men have cars, and Wailuku and Lahaina people have quite a number also.

### Ball Games With Fleet Arranged

Sergeant Barry got the N. G. H. nine together last night at the drillshed and talked over the games that are to be arranged with the best fleet nine. The matter is in the hands of the M. A. A., and some fine ball games should be pulled off during the short stay of the warships in port.

There was a big gathering of the Guards, and after some interesting discussion the team that is to represent the N. G. H. against the Jackies was chosen as follows: Williams, Soares, Dreier, H. Chillingworth, Bushnell, Lemon, Sumner, Rice and En Sue.

As soon as the fleet arrives the athletic officer will be interviewed with regard to what games they want to play, and there is no doubt that the sailors will put up a combined team that will make the Guards sit up and take notice. When the ships were here last, a picked team from them played the Guards, and the latter team, although not properly represented, were only defeated after a strenuous game by a score of 3 to 1.

The nine that was picked last night looks very strong, and it would give any other combination of players in Honolulu a hard go in a match. Williams and Soares form a strong battery, and the rest of the bunch are good in every position. Angie Dreier will be a great acquisition to the Guards. He is as good as anyone at first, and is a cool, collected young player, who plays the game for all he is worth. Then "Kiddo" Chillingworth will hold down second, and he, being always a trier, will help the team out of many a tight hole.

There will be regular practice in front of the drillshed on Tuesday and Wednesday afternoons, and every member of the team is expected to turn out and do some work that will fit them for the struggle with the best players the fleet can put in the field.

now been taken over by the M. A. A. Besides the Guards and "Best," there will be games in which the individual ships will play the Marines, Fifth Cavalry and Infantry. These matches should be most interesting, and there is surely a treat in store for the lovers of baseball—in season and out of season.

### Outrigger Club's Show Tomorrow

Tomorrow afternoon at Waikiki the much-talked-of water sports will take place, and the big bunch of tourists who are to arrive on the Cleveland will witness sights that they have not, in all their travels, run across.

The Outrigger Club will be in full charge of the events, and the program, which is printed below, will be carried out well on time. At 3 o'clock the sports will start, and as the surf promises to be fairly good, a most enjoyable time should be spent.

Seven of the smaller canoes have been put in shape for surfing, and if the waves are small these outriggers will do better than the larger ones. The canoes of the Kamehameha Aquatic Association will be at the beach this morning, and the Hawaiian members of the club will, on Sunday, give demonstrations of the art of cooking in the ancient style.

The first event will be the surfboard riding stunt, and the judges will award the prize to the man who stays on feet longest time and who shows the greatest skill in doing tricks on the board.

The second event will be the surfing canoe contest, and the crew that brings its canoe closest to the beach before the biggest wave will get the prize.

There will be races between surfboard-ride and outrigger canoes, and these should be most interesting to watch. The visitors will see many stunts besides those on the program, and the whole afternoon will be taken up with aquatic sports.

On February 12 another fine program of sports will be brought off for the edification of the second contingent of the Clark tourists. There will be single, three, four and six-paddle canoe races, besides a surfing canoe race. Then in the big surf there will be surfboard riding, surf-canoeing and a race between surfboards and surf-canoes.

Tomorrow the first lot of excursionists will have a good time, and the program, which has been kindly donated by Ehlers & Co., shows the events that will be brought off.

### SHORT SPORTS.

It has been suggested by Judge Dole that the mauka part of Thomas Square be converted into a playing field for the students of the High School. The boys at present have no proper place for baseball or any kind of athletics. The trees in the center of the space alluded to would have to be removed, but those on the outside along the sidewalks would not be touched.

The "Seeing Honolulu by Moonlight" stunt of the Y. M. C. A. should prove very interesting this evening, and some real fun will be enjoyed by all the members, who are cordially invited to attend.

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